

CORRECTIONS MEDICINE Staffing Pattern

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I. **PURPOSE:** To assure an appropriate number of health services staff are available to provide adequate evaluation and treatment of patients.

- II. **POLICY:** Healthcare staff is available on-site 24 hours per day seven (7) days per week in the Buzz Westfall Justice Center and in the Juvenile Detention Center. Nursing staff is available on all shifts. There shall be appropriate staffing approved to care for all patients.
- III. **RESPONSIBILITY**: All staff members in the Corrections Medicine program are familiar with the content of and adherence to this policy and procedure.

IV. **PROCEDURE:**

- 1. There is a combination of registered nurses and licensed practical nurses on duty twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days each week who provide care for patients in the Buzz Westfall Justice Center the Juvenile Detention Center.
- 2. Physicians, nurse practitioner(s), physician assistant(s) deliver medical care to patients.
- 3. Psychiatrists, nurse practitioners, psychologists, and licensed clinical social workers deliver mental health care to the patients.
- 4. Dental services are provided by dentist(s), dental hygienist(s), and dental assistant(s).
- 5. The nursing management team includes a nurse manager, nursing supervisors, a utilization review nurse and a continuous quality improvement nurse.
- 6. There is approved staffing medical assistants and office staff that provide medical and clerical support for the program.

V. **REFERENCE:**

National Commission on Correctional Health Care; <u>Standards for Health Services in Jails</u>; 2018; Standard J-C-07